

April 05, 2021

A regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, April 05, 2021 beginning at 5:00 pm with Executive (closed) Session followed by the regular meeting at 6:00 pm at the Russell County Government Center in Lebanon, Virginia.

The Clerk called the meeting to order.

Roll all by the Clerk:

Present:

Tim Lovelace
Lou Wallace
David Eaton
Steve Breeding
Rebecca Dye
Carl Rhea
Oris Christian

Lonzo Lester, Clerk
Katie Patton, County Attorney
Vicki Porter, Deputy Clerk

Absent:

None

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to enter into Executive (closed) Session to discuss legal matters pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(3)(7)(8) concerning Project Jonah, Northrop Grumman and The Russell County Public Service Authority.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, Lou Wallace, Tim Lovelace, Carl Rhea, David Eaton, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian
Nay: None

APPROVAL TO ADD DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL MATTERS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Oris Christian, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to add personnel matters to Executive (closed) Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1).

The vote was:

Aye: Oris Christian, Lou Wallace, Tim Lovelace, Carl Rhea, David Eaton, Steve Breeding and Rebecca Dye
Nay: None

APPROVAL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to return to regular session.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian
Nay: None

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code of Virginia 1950, as amended each member of the Board of Supervisors upon the Roll Call certifies that to the best of their knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of

Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters that were identified in the motion(s) by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting by the Board of Supervisors.

Any member of the Board of Supervisors who believes that there was a departure from the requirements of clauses (i) and (ii) above shall so state prior to the vote, indicating the substance of the departure that, in his or her judgment, has taken place.

Are there any who believe a departure has taken place? Seeing none, if you agree that the matters heard, discussed, or considered during the closed meeting were pursuant only to the motion(s) by which the closed meeting was convened, please signify by saying aye or yes.

Tim Lovelace – AYE
Lou Wallace – AYE
Carl Rhea – AYE
David Eaton – AYE
Rebecca Dye - AYE
Steve Breeding – AYE
Oris Christian – AYE

Invocation by Chair Rebecca Dye, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the agenda as amended.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, Lou Wallace, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian
Nay: None

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON THE LITTER ORDINANCE

Pursuant to being advertised in a local newspaper for two (2) consecutive weeks, a public hearing was held on the Russell County Litter Ordinance. The County Attorney outlined the proposed changes and updates to the litter ordinance.

The Chairperson opened the public hearing for comments.

Several comments were heard from the following citizens: Larry Hughes, Charlie Collins Jr., Jeff Kiser, Charlie Collins, Michelle Vance, Kelly Trent and Jimmy Gwynn

The Chairperson closed the public hearing.

APPROVAL OF THE RC LITTER ORDINANCE

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to allow the County Attorney to make changes to the litter ordinance including code changes, 40 hours community service to be added, change compliance period from 10 days to 14 days, add paragraph stating that if one issue is unfounded, the others will stand alone. The fines will remain the same.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, Tim Lovelace, Carl Rhea, Lou Wallace, David Eaton, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian
Nay: None

PRESENTATIONS

Jim Baldwin, Director of the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission asked the Board to approve a Resolution for the Dante Regional Sewer Project application.

APPROVAL OF THE DANTE REGIONAL SEWER PROJECT RESOLUTION

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second David Eaton and duly and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Dante Regional Sewer Project Resolution.

The vote was:

Aye: Lou Wallace, David Eaton, Carl Rhea, Tim Lovelace, Steve Breeding, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian
Nay: None

Dustin Keith, Upper Tennessee Roundtable Chairman, briefly discussed the roundtable projects and services. He requested that the Board appoint Nathaniel Rasnake to serve as the county's representative.

NATHANIEL RASNAKE APPOINTED TO THE UPPER TENNESSEE RIVER ROUNDTABLE

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Nathaniel Rasnake to the Upper Tennessee River Roundtable for a Two (2) year term, said term ending December 31, 2022.

The vote was:

Aye: Tim Lovelace, Carl Rhea, Lou Wallace, David Eaton, Steve Breeding, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian

Nay: None

Heather Powers, Russell County Tourism Coordinator gave a presentation on the new Experience Russell website.

APPROVAL OF THE RUSSELL COUNTY TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY-LAWS

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept the Russell County Tourism Advisory Committee by-laws.

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian

Nay: None

New Business

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 01, 2021 MINUTES

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the March 01, 2021 minutes and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 08, 2021 MINUTES

Motion made by Carl Rhea, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve the March 08, 2021 and dispense with the reading thereof.

The vote was:

Aye: Carl Rhea, Steve Breeding, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian

Nay: None

Abstain: David Eaton

APPROVAL OF GENERAL COUNTY INVOICES

Motion made by David Eaton, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve general county invoices in the amount of \$476,072.03 including reoccurring and withholdings.

The vote was:

Aye: Carl Rhea, Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian

Nay: None

Committee Appointments

BOBBIE GULLETT, ARTHUR PHILLIPS AND WANDA OSBORNE RE-APPOINTED TO THE DANTE COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second David Eaton and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to reappoint Bobby Gullett, Arthur Phillips and Wanda Osborne for (2) two-year terms, said terms ending April 01, 2023.

The vote was:

Aye: Lou Wallace, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Steve Breeding, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian
Nay: None

The Russell County Planning Commission appointment was tabled until the May 2021 meeting.

AMY ADKINS APPOINTED TO CPMT

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Amy Adkins to the Community Policy Management Team for a (4) four-year term, said term ending April 05, 2025.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Tim Lovelace, David Eaton, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian
Nay: None

Citizens Comment

The Chair opened citizens comment period.

Joe Ratliff, Director of Four-County Transit thanked the Board for their past support and asked them to consider the one percent match for the replacement of buses in the future. He added that they have not asked for this match in the past two years.

Brian Beck, CFO Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens requested that the Board fund the one percent for new buses as well as monetary support for insurance, home delivered meals and administration support. He briefly described the program and their activities.

Kelly McBride Delph, RCPL stated that April is National Poetry month and Citizens Science month.

Shawn Vance, Lebanon commented that Tumbez road is in horrible condition.

The Chair closed citizens comment period.

RE-ADOPTION OF THE CPRWMA USER AGREEMENT

Motion made by Tim Lovelace, second Carl Rhea and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to re-adopt the Cumberland Plateau Regional Waste Management Authority User Agreement.

The vote was:

Aye: Tim Lovelace, Carl Rhea, Lou Wallace, David Eaton, Steve Breeding, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian
Nay: None

RESOLUTION OF NON- SUPPORT FOR THE ELIMINATION OF THE COALFIELD TAX CREDIT

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a resolution opposing the elimination of the coalfield tax credit with an amendment that states opposition to the recommendation that the projected allocation be diverted only to UVA-Wise without consultation to all stake holders in southwest Virginia.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 27, 2021 ABSTRACT OF VOTES

Motion made by David Eaton, second Steve Breeding and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept the March 27, 2021 abstract of votes for the Special Election.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian

Nay: None

APPROVAL A VDOT RESOLUTION FOR THE GILMER SUB-DIVISION AND GRAND HAVEN DRIVE

Motion made by Steve Breeding, second Tim Lovelace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to approve a VDOT Resolution for the Gilmer Sub-Division Road and Grand Haven Drive.

The vote was:

Aye: Steve Breeding, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian

Nay: None

PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON THE CIGARETTE AND MEAL TAX ON MAY 03, 2021 AT 6:00 PM

Motion made by Lou Wallace, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to hold a public hearing on the Cigarette and Meal Tax on May 03, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

The vote was:

Aye: Lou Wallace, Oris Christian, David Eaton, Tim Lovelace, Steve Breeding, Rebecca Dye and Carl Rhea

Nay: None

DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT POSITION TABLED

Motion made by David Eaton, second Lou Wallace and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to table the Deputy Emergency Management position.

The vote was:

Aye: David Eaton, Lou Wallace, Carl Rhea, Steve Breeding, Tim Lovelace, Rebecca Dye and Oris Christian

Nay: None

APPROVAL TO ADJOURN TO RECONVENE ON MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021 AT 1:00 PM

Motion made by David Eaton, second Oris Christian and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors to adjourn to reconvene on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 1:00pm for a budget workshop session.

The vote was:

Aye: David Eaton, Oris Christian, Tim Lovelace, Lou Wallace, Steve Breeding, Rebecca Dye and Carl Rhea

Nay: None

Clerk of the Board

Chairperson